



Cabinet Recommendations to Council - Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050

Corporate Priority:	Excellent services positively impacting on our communities. Protect our climate and enhance our rural natural environment.
Relevant Ward Member(s):	All Wards
Date of consultation with Ward Member(s):	N/A
Exempt Information:	No

1 Summary

- 1.1 The report at Appendix 1 sets out the final draft of the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy (LRWS Strategy) 2022-2050. It replaces the previous Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy originally adopted in 2002.
- 1.2 The LRWS strategy has been developed through a collaborative approach between district and county council partners that form the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. It has been finalised further to an extensive public consultation and sets out how the Leicestershire Waste Partnership intends to manage municipal waste up until 2050.
- 1.3 The strategy contains a range of pledges. Some of the pledges contained within the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy can only be implemented if sufficient ongoing additional funding is provided by Government to cover the costs incurred by both the waste disposal and collection authorities respectively.
- 1.4 The LRWS will be considered for adoption by all councils that form the Leicestershire Waste Partnership.

2 Recommendation(s)

That Council:

- 2.1 Approves the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022 – 2050.**
- 2.2 Delegates authority to the Director for Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate, Access and Engagement to sign off any further amendments to the strategy on behalf of Melton Borough Council, to incorporate legislative, regulatory, or national policy changes recommended by the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. Any such changes would be communicated in writing to all members.**
- 2.3 Endorses the continuation of the waste partnership but request that it is developed and enhanced to ensure appropriate political, strategic, and operational engagement.**
- 2.4 Requests that the Leicestershire Waste Partnership explores collaborative opportunities which have the potential to deliver environmental improvements, whilst helping to reduce costs across the waste-system, ensuring that mutual benefits are shared across all partners.**

3 Reason for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy has been developed over a long period of time, through a collaborative approach between Leicestershire County Council and the District and Borough Councils (Leicestershire Waste Partnership). It has been finalised further to an extensive public consultation and sets out how the Leicestershire Waste Partnership intends to manage municipal waste up until 2050.
- 3.2 The results from the public consultation exercise have been incorporated and a final Strategy produced.
- 3.3 The Strategy provides a policy framework to enable a sustainable system of waste management to be implemented.
- 3.4 The Strategy includes objectives and pledges which provide guiding principles and commitments to deliver the waste management service as a whole to meet the overall vision. Importantly, some of the pledges contained within the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy are caveated and can only be implemented if sufficient ongoing additional funding is provided by Government to cover the costs incurred by both the waste disposal and collection authorities respectively. These caveats are important as without ongoing funding assurances, there would be significant financial burdens and risks to local authorities.
- 3.5 The Strategy sets out the broad direction for delivery of service development. Further work is required on the details before any major changes can be introduced.
- 3.6 Each authority within the Leicestershire Waste Partnership (LWP), which comprises the County Council and the seven district councils in Leicestershire, is in the process of seeking adoption of the final Strategy.

4 Background

- 4.1 Cabinet considered the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report at their meeting on 25 January 2023 and made recommendations to Council, as outlined in Section 2.
- 4.2 Further detail on the background to the report and strategy are outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).
- 4.3 A minor amendment has been made to the strategy since it was considered by Cabinet further to continued dialogue between partners that form the Leicestershire Waste Partnership. The additional paragraph can be found at Page 3 of Appendix A and reads: “where funding is provided which requires allocation across the Partnership, this will be calculated on a basis that is acceptable to all Partners to ensure legally compliant, cost effective and timely distribution”.

5 Main Considerations

- 5.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

6 Options Considered

- 6.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

7 Consultation

- 7.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

8 Next Steps – Implementation and Communication

- 8.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

9 Financial Implications

- 9.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).
- 9.2 The minor amendment to the finance statement of the strategy merely makes explicit previously agreed principles and therefore does not change the basis upon which any new initiatives will require appropriate and ongoing government funding. The original comments set out in appendix 1 remain unchanged.

Financial Implications reviewed by: See Appendix 1

10 Legal and Governance Implications

- 10.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

Legal Implications reviewed by: See Appendix 1

11 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

11.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

12 Community Safety Implications

12.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

13 Environmental and Climate Change Implications

13.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

14 Other Implications (where significant)

14.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

15 Risk & Mitigation

15.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

16 Background Papers

16.1 As outlined in the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report (Appendix 1).

17 Appendices

17.1 Appendix 1 – Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050 report.

17.2 Appendix A – Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050.

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